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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of)

Telecommunications Service)

Inside Wiring)

Customer Premises Equipment)

In the Matter of)

Implementation of the Cable)

Television Consumer Protection)
and Competition Act of 1992:)

Cable Home Wiring)

CS Docket No. 95-184

MM Docket No. 92-260

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**JOINT MOTION OF
THE INDEPENDENT CABLE & TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION AND
OPTEL, INC. FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO FILE REPLY COMMENTS**

The Independent Cable & Telecommunications Association ("ICTA") and OpTel, Inc. respectfully request that the Commission extend by 45 days the deadline for filing reply comments to the Commission's Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("Further Notice") in the above-captioned matter.

After reviewing a number of the comments filed in response to the Further Notice, it seems clear that the Commission would benefit from an in-depth economic analysis of the impact that exclusive contracts have on the MVPD market. To that end, ICTA has engaged the services of Professor Michael D. Whinston - one of the nation's leading experts on exclusive contracting and industrial organization - to study current market conditions in the MVPD market and to comment upon the short-term and long-term effects of exclusive contracts between various types of MVPDs, i.e., incumbents versus new entrants, and MDU owners.

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However, because ICTA has only recently engaged Professor Whinston to complete this study, it is unlikely that he will be able to do so before early March, 1998. Given the importance of his analysis to the Commission's understanding of core competitive issues related to this proceeding, and the fact that a relatively brief delay will not prejudice other parties, the public interest would be served by an extension of 45 days in the filing deadline for reply comments in this proceeding. Consequently, ICTA and OpTel asks jointly that the Commission grant this motion and extend the Further Notice reply comment date to March 9, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

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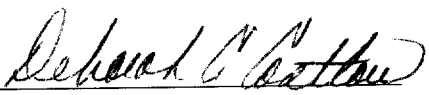
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